

JOHN D. INGER.

APRIL 20, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CROWLEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5230.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5230) granting an increase of pension to John D. Inger, have examined the same and adopt the Senate report thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

[Senate Report No. 2043, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5230) granting an increase of pension to John D. Inger have examined the same and report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$12 to \$30 per month the pension of John D. Inger, late of Company B, First Regiment Iowa Volunteer Cavalry.

The military records show that John D. Inger, the claimant, enlisted February 29, 1864, in Company B, First Iowa Cavalry, and was honorably discharged February 15, 1866. The hospital records show that he was treated from October 15 to 19, 1865, for intermittent fever.

Claimant is now pensioned at \$12 per month under the act of June 27, 1890, on account of total disability due to disease of lungs and stomach. He applied under the general law January 15, 1891, alleging that his disabilities were incurred in the Army, but his application was rejected May 28, 1902, on the ground of no record or other satisfactory evidence of service origin.

Several comrades testified that claimant contracted a severe cold in fall of 1864, which resulted in a bad cough and trouble with his lungs, by which he was disabled thereafter during service, and they also testified that from exposure and bad food he contracted disease of stomach. Neighbors testified to continuance of disease of lungs and stomach since discharge. Claimant is unable to furnish evidence of regimental surgeon, and the physicians who treated him after discharge are shown to be dead, and this is the reason he is unable to furnish the evidence of medical treatment required by the Pension Bureau.

Claimant's medical examinations since 1891 all show existence of disease of lungs and stomach. When he was last examined, October 15, 1902, he was reported by the examining surgeons to be greatly debilitated, suffering from consumption, and totally incapacitated for manual labor.

Evidence filed with this committee shows that claimant is a victim of tubercular disease of lungs and is now totally unable*to perform any manual labor, and the papers on file in the Bureau show that he is poor and in need of relief.

It is highly probable that soldier's disabilities originated during his service in the Army. His record is good, and he is now totally incapacitated for earning a support and in need, and your committee are of opinion that he is worthy of an increase of his pension.

The bill is therefore reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.

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